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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Kyle M. Hanson et al.  
Application No. : 09/882,309 Confirmation No.: 7064  
Filed : June 14, 2001  
For : DIFFUSER WITH A SPIRAL OPENING PATTERN FOR  
ELECTROPLATING REACTOR VESSEL

Art Unit : 1741  
Docket No. : 291958123US1  
(Client Ref. No. P99-0023US2)  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants herewith Petition the Commissioner of Patents under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time for filing the response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated June 29, 2001, from August 29, 2001, to October 29, 2001. The petition fee of \$400.00, and any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0665. This petition is being submitted in triplicate.

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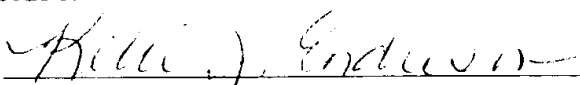
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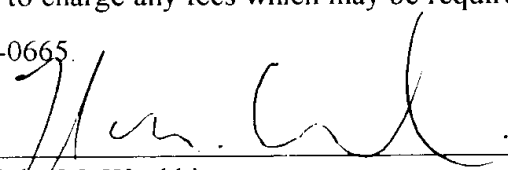
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AUTHORIZATION FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A)(3)

Sir:  
With respect to the above-identified application, the Commissioner is authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition therefor for the appropriate length of time. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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